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BY

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and

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Barnstaple.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Barnstaple Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Miles and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the Annual Report on the health and vital statistics of the Barnstaple Rural District for the year 1960.

Dr. F. J. H. Martin resigned his appointment as Medical Officer of the Authority in September, 1959, a position he held since 1938. I wish to thank him for his assistance given to me since my appointment and to wish him happiness in his retirement.

I should like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for the kind welcome I received and to thank the staff of the Department for their co-operation.

Your obedient Servant,

E. WILLIAMS.
Medical Officer of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

Chairman: J. Chugg.

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W. H. Yeo.
C. G. Yeo.

STAFF OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Staff of the Public Health Department consists of:—

Part Time Officer:

Medical Officer of Health: Dr. E. Williams,
M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond., D.P.H.

Whole Time Officers:

Chief Public Health Inspector, Engineer and Surveyor:
A. J. Dennis, M.A.P.H.I., C.R.S.H.

Public Health Inspector: J. W. Bolton,
M.A.P.H.I., M.R.S.H.

Articled Pupils: N. J. Dennis and N. Venner.

Clerks: Mrs. J. Kelly and Mr. P. Lethbridge.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS

The chief occupations of the district are:—

1. Agriculture.
2. Catering for Visitors.

The locality may be regarded as purely non-industrial, and employment is on the whole steady.

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of the Medical Officer of Health for the Barnstaple Rural District

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area in Acres	129,346
Population (Registrar-General's Mid-year Estimate)	25,050
Inhabited Houses	7,775
Number of Council owned houses	6.13
Density of Persons per house	3. 2
Rateable Value	£305,023
Value of a Penny Rate (Estimate)	£1409 15s. 5d.

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births	365
Live Birth rate per 1,000 population	14.57 (16.61 corrected)
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	1.54
Still-births	6
Still-birth rate per 1,000 live and still-births	16.17
Total live and still-births	371
Infant deaths under 1 year	6
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births—total ...	16.43
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births—legitimate	16.73
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births—illegitimate	Nil
Neo Natal mortality rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 Total Live Births)	13.69
Early Neo Natal mortality rate (deaths under 1 week 1,000 Total Live Births)	13.69
Peri-natal mortality rate (Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 Total Live and Still-births)	29.64
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)	Nil
Maternal Mortality rate per 1,000 live and still-births	Nil
Deaths	272
Death rate per 1,000 population	10.85
Births: Comparability Factor	1.14
Deaths: Comparability Factor	0.87

BIRTHS—LIVE

	Males	Females	Total
Live Births Legitimate ...	195	164	359
Illegitimate ...	4	2	6
			Total
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population			14.57
Live Birth Rate for England and Wales			17. 1
Birth Rate adjusted by area comparability factor			16.61

STILLBIRTHS

	Males	Females	Total
Stillbirths Legitimate	4	2	6
Illegitimate	—	—	—

DEATHS

A total of 272 Barnstaple Rural District residents died during the year, 141 being males and 131 females.

The following table gives causes of death: —

	Males	Females
Tuberculosis	—	—
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	3	2
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus ...	6	2
Malignant neoplasm, breast	—	3
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	—	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	11	12
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	2	—
Vascular lesions of nervous system	21	25
Coronary Disease, angina	40	16
Hypertension with heart disease	1	2
Other heart disease	22	30
Other circulatory disease	6	6
Pneumonia	2	8
Bronchitis	8	1
Other diseases of respiratory system ...	—	1
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	3
Nephritis and nephrosis	—	2
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	—
Congenital malformations	2	2
Other defined and ill-defined diseases ...	8	8
Other infective and parasitic diseases ...	1	—
All other accidents	5	3
Suicide	1	3
	141	131

Neo-natal Deaths

This represents the number of deaths occuring in infants under the age of 4 weeks:—

	M.	F.	Total
Legitimate	2	3	5
Illegitimate	—	—	—

Neo-natal death rate per 1,000 Total Live Births: 13.69

Infant Mortality Rate

During the year 6 infants died under the age of 1 year. There were no deaths amongst illegitimate infants:—

	M.	F.	Total
Legitimate	3	3	6
Illegitimate	—	—	—

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Total Live Births: 16.43

The following table gives causes of death occurring in infants under 1 year:—

Age	M.	F.	Cause of Death
3 days		1	Heart Disease
2 days		1	Pulmonary atresia
5 months	1		Glycogen Storage Disease
18 hours		1	Atclestasis
1 month	1		Renal failure
12 months	1		Gastro-enteritis

Maternal Mortality

There were no maternal deaths attributable to pregnancy, childbirth or abortion during the year.

Cancer Deaths

There were 41 deaths from cancer during the year as compared with 52 in 1959.

	Males	Females	Total
Stomach	3	2	5
Lung and Bronchus	6	2	8
Breast	—	3	3
Uterus	—	2	2
Others	11	12	23
	20	21	41

Deaths from Lung Cancer

Year	M.	F.
1950	1	1
1951	1	—
1952	5	1
1953	5	2
1954	5	1
1955	5	—
1956	7	—
1957	8	2
1958	9	2
1959	7	2
1960	6	2

The total number of cancer deaths since 1947 is shown in the following table:—

Year	Total No. of Deaths	— Cancer Deaths — M.	F.	Total
1947	299	19	23	42
1948	285	22	21	43
1949	318	19	23	42
1950	298	14	24	38
1951	314	14	26	40
1952	322	26	29	55
1953	257	18	27	45
1954	296	20	30	50
1955	316	21	26	47
1956	302	25	30	55
1957	300	31	26	47
1958	276	21	22	43
1959	294	24	28	52
1960	272	20	21	41

Population Trends since 1947

Year		Population	Live Births	Deaths
1947	Estimated Figures	21,290	419	299
1948		22,020	376	285
1949		23,140	338	318
1950		22,520	334	298
1951	Census	23,150	324	314
1952		23,030	342	322
1953		23,360	318	257
1954		23,410	346	296
1955		23,642	334	316
1956		24,070	343	302
1957		24,010	369	300
1958		24,370	362	276
1959		24,370	356	294
1960		25,050	365	272

Infectious Diseases

The following tables give particulars of the Infectious Diseases notified during the year: —

Scarlet Fever	5
Measles	8
Pneumonia	4
Whooping Cough	39
Dysentery	4
Erysipelas	4
Puerperal Pyrexia	1
Poliomyelitis	2
	67

Two children, ages 10 and 14 years, were notified as cases of non-paralytic poliomyelitis during the year. This illness occurred in a family which visited the area on holiday. Neither of these children had been immunized against poliomyelitis.

No cases of food poisoning were reported, nor were any cases of diphtheria notified during the year.

Lung Tuberculosis increased from 4 cases in 1959 to 6 cases in 1960. In each instance home visits were made and all contacts advised to attend the Chest Clinic for examination.

The six fresh cases notified in accordance with the regulations were as follows: —

Age Period	*Pulmonary*		*Non-Pulmonary*	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
1— 5 years	—	—	—	—
5—14 years	—	—	—	—
15—24 years	—	—	—	—
25—44 years	1	1	—	—
45—64 years	1	1	—	—
65 and over	2	—	—	—
	4	2	—	—

Tuberculosis—Distribution of Cases

Atherington	1
Bratton Fleming	1
Combe Martin	1
Fremington	1
Shirwell	1
Westleigh	1
	6

The following table shows the number of cases on the Tuberculosis Register on 1st January and 31st December, 1960: —

Year 1960	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
1st January	71	57	128	—	—	—
31st December	76	58	134	—	—	—

DISTRIBUTION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES CASES NOTIFIED DURING 1960

Parish	Scarlet Fever	Measles	Pneumonia	Whooping Cough	Dysentery	Erysipelas	Puerperal Pyrexia	Poliomyelitis	TOTAL
Arlington									
Ashford			1	1					2
Atherington									
Berrynarbor									
Bishops Tawton ...		2		1			1		4
Bittadon									
Bratton Fleming ...				4					4
Braunton				4					4
Brendon		1		7					8
Challacombe									
Combe Martin ...									
Countisbury									
East Down				1					1
Fremington	2	2	1	6					11
Georgeham				2		2		2	6
Goodleigh				1	1				2
Heanton Punchardon									
High Bray		1		3					4
Horwood									
Instow									
Kentisbury									
Landkey		2		5		1			8
Loxhore									
Martinhoe									
Marwood			2	2					4
Mortehoe				2					2
Newton Tracey ...					2				2
Parracombe					2				
Pilton West									
Shirwell									
Stoke Rivers									
Swimbridge									
Tawstock	3				1	1			5
Trentishoe									
West Down									
Westleigh									
Totals	5	8	4	39	4	4	1	2	67

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

TUBERCULOSIS

Hawley Hospital, situated in the Borough, has 28 beds.

MATERNITY CASES

At the North Devon Infirmary, there is a ward of 14 beds, with a fully-qualified staff available for cases of doubt or difficulty.

A General Practitioners' Maternity Unit of 13 beds is situated at "Highfield," Victoria Road, Barnstaple.

At Bicclescombe Hospital, Ilfracombe, there are 10 beds for Maternity and Ante-natal patients.

ISOLATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

There is an Infectious Diseases Isolation Hospital at Bideford, the Kingsley Hospital, which serves Barnstaple as well as other Local Authorities in North Devon.

SMALLPOX

The Smallpox Hospital to which any cases of Smallpox will be sent is Upton Pine Hospital, near Exeter. Special Ambulance transport can be obtained by contacting the Isolation Hospital, Whipton, Exeter. Telephone 67158.

GENERAL

The North Devon Infirmary, situated at Barnstaple, serves the area, and provides modern Medical and Surgical treatment for the residents of the district.

Two wards at the Alexandra Hospital are set aside as an annexe to the wards of the North Devon Infirmary and post-operative and recovery patients are now transferred there as soon as practicable.

There are 101 beds for the chronic sick at the Alexandra Hospital.

At Braunton Nursing Home there are four beds for sick persons.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

The Main Laboratory is situated at 7, Dix's Field, Exeter, and Dr. Moore is the Director. It is completely installed with the necessary equipment for bacteriological examinations of all kinds. Its diagnostic and consultative

services are available for all patients. Bacteriological examinations of drinking water and milk are also carried out.

There is also a Pathological Laboratory at 75, Boutport Street, Barnstaple, with a full-time Pathologist and Technical Staff to meet the needs of the whole North Devon Area. The Blood Bank is also situated at this Laboratory.

CLINIC AND TREATMENT CENTRES

V.D. Clinic

This is held at the North Devon Infirmary Annexe.

Sessions:	Females	Males
Monday	4. 0 p.m.	5.15 p.m.
Thursday	4.30 p.m.	5.45 p.m.

CHEST CLINIC

The Chest Clinic is held at the North Devon Infirmary Glossop Annexe.

Sessions:

Tuesdays	9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 2 p.m. to 4 p.m	Clinic and X-Ray Examinations
Thursdays	9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	
Fridays	9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	

AMBULANCE SERVICE

Under Section 27 of the National Health Service Act, 1945, the Local Health Authority (i.e. the Devon County Council is responsible for the provision of an Ambulance Service and the Devon Health Committee have arranged for this to be provided through the agency of the St. John Ambulance Association. The Brigade serves Barnstaple Borough and the district around, and the Headquarters are in Commercial Road, Barnstaple. The staff consists of three paid members (full-time), 20 men volunteers and 14 volunteer nurses. The Hospital car service, also under the Devon County Council, is available upon application to the Hospital by the doctor concerned, and the Ambulance Service is empowered to hire cars in urgent cases when the ambulance is not necessary.

PROFESSIONAL NURSING IN THE HOMES

There are nine District Nurses in the area, all of whom act as Midwives.

IMMUNIZATION AND VACCINATION

Protective Immunisation and Vaccination against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Smallpox and Poliomyelitis, are undertaken by the General Practitioners and at the Infant Welfare and School Clinics. There are four Infant Welfare Clinics organised by the Devon County Health Authority within the district; these are held as follows: —

Fremington. Parish Hall.
2nd and 4th Wednesday afternoons.

Braunton. Parish Hall.
Thursday afternoons.

Combe Martin. Baptist Chapel Rooms.
2nd and 4th Tuesday afternoons.

Woolacombe. Methodist Hall.
2nd and 4th Wednesdays.

CARE OF THE AGED

Where possible, elderly people who are living alone are given every assistance to enable them to remain as long as possible in their own homes. The more needy cases are visited by the Health Visitors, and in instances of ill-health, by the District Nurses. They are also assisted in running their own homes through the Home Help Scheme. This is operated locally by Mrs. M. Hughes through the W.V.S., for the Devon County Council, and extends into all the North Devon rural area wherever transport is available.

There are now 78 Home Helps, full and part-time, in the Barnstaple Rural District and Borough.

During the year, 695 cases were dealt with. Of these, at least 90 old persons are being cared for, who, but for the services of the Home Help Scheme, would have to go into hospital or a Welfare Home.

There are 28 blind persons who are being cared for, and during the year there were 29 maternity cases at which the Home Helps attended.

Any case recommended by a Doctor, Health Visitor, District Nurse or Hospital Almoner may have the services of a Home Help.

The W.V.S. have also arranged a rota of helpers who visit the aged in their homes, take them magazines, and do their shopping for them, etc.

During the year, the W.V.S. organised an "S.O.S." window-card scheme for the elderly person. These cards were provided by the local Rotarians, and are issued to the elderly who are living alone. At the back of the card is written the name of the family Doctor, the nearest relative, etc. The idea is that, should any assistance be required, one of these cards is put in the window, and help is forthcoming.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (Amendment) ACT, 1951. Sec. 47

No cases were dealth with under this Act during 1960.

HOUSING

During the year Closing or Demolition Orders were made in regard to 12 houses within the rural area, five of these being vacant at the time of the Order being made. Three families from unfit houses were re-housed during the year.

Eight Council dwellings were erected during 1960. The total number of dwellings owned by the Rural Authority is now 613.

131 dwellings were erected by private enterprise.

The number of applicants on the housing list in December, 1960 was 172.

Improvements to sub-standard properties: The Council approved 52 applications for Discretionary Grants during the year.

I wish to record my thanks to Mr. Harwood and the Public Health Officers for their help to me.

Your obedient Servant,

E. WILLIAMS.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR ENGINEER and BUILDING SURVEYOR

The Red House,
Castle Street,
Barnstaple.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Barnstaple Rural District Council.

Mrs. Miles and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my 15th Annual Report of work carried out during 1960.

The area of your district is 129,346 acres, with an estimated population of 25,050.

Discussions have been taking place regarding the provision of sewers for Landkey, Swimbridge and Bishops Tawton, the provision of a disposal works at Braunton, and the re-sewering of areas in Braunton, which by reason of the rapid expansion taking place there, have been for some time inadequate.

The preparation of all these schemes is indeed a complex matter and many people can be forgiven for feeling that there has been too much discussion and insufficient action. Despite this, however, the members of the Council can derive satisfaction from the fact that during the year sewerage schemes have been completed for the villages of Atherington, Parracombe, West Down ; the Goodleigh scheme is progressing satisfactorily and will be completed early in 1961 and an early start will be made on the Berrynarbor scheme.

More public conveniences are needed, particularly at Woolacombe and Putsborough. It is however difficult to find suitable sites where all the services are available and not too close to human habitations where objections from neighbours are inevitable. Conveniences would have been provided at Woolacombe some time ago, had it not been for objections from residents in the area, however despite these objections the Council decided to proceed with the erection of a convenience at the bottom of Morte Hill, which resulted in a public enquiry.

Another spot at which the provision of conveniences is long overdue is Putsborough. The popularity of this lovely beach has increased out of all proportion since the the war and the owner was prepared to provide conveniences, together with certain other development, but this was refused by the County Planning Authority. Permission, however, would be granted by this Authority for conveniences only and it is hoped to persuade the owner to provide these amenities in the near future, despite the prohibitive cost of water and drainage facilities.

The Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960 has imposed a heavy burden on the department. Negotiations have been taking place for some time with the owners of sites throughout the district and by the end of the year some 34 site licences were under review and awaiting decisions from the County Council Planning Committee. It is anticipated that before the 1961 summer season about 30 sites will be licensed with the numbers of caravans on these sites varying from 6 to 300. As nearly all these sites will have to carry out a very considerable amount of work to conform with the new Act, the department will be kept busy for some time to come.

In view of the increasing popularity of North Devon, it is my opinion that provision will have to be made for tented sites and that these should be provided with the same facilities as the caravan sites.

Attention was again paid during the past summer to the provision of litter bins and the collection of litter. To prevent the appalling desecration of the countryside, it will be necessary to campaign continuously, and in my opinion this campaign should be organised nationally and not left to the discretion of Local Authorities. The manner in which many visitors to our countryside ignore all propaganda and deposit their litter is disgraceful.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS

The total number of inspections, re-visits and interviews during the year was 5,321, made up as follows: —

Infectious Diseases	5
Water supplies	56
Sewage Disposal Works	131
Sewers	467
Building Byelaws	933
Town Planning Visits	831
Drains—Inspected and Tested	328
Housing Repairs	74
Housing Act Inspections	114
National Assistance Act	—
Coast Protection	7
Inspection of Slaughter Houses	375
Meat and Foods Inspection	391
Inspection of Food Premises	193
Shops Acts Inspections	81
Ice Cream Premises	85
Milk Retailers	12
Public Cleansing	283
Inspections under Petroleum Acts	20
Public Health Act Inspections, Nuisances, etc.	248
Diseases of Animals Acts Visits	9
Bakehouses	8
Unclean Premises	1
Rodent Control	9
Land Charges—Search	14
Factories, Workplaces, Shops, etc.	49
Infestations	5
Public Conveniences	97
Visits re flooding	79
Tents, Vans, Sheds and Camping Sites	117
Rent Act Visits	9
Visits to Refuse Tips	63
Rivers Pollution	8
Public Houses and Hotels	78
Miscellaneous	23
Number of Council and Committee meetings attended	119

SUMMARY OF MEAT INSPECTIONS

Animals	*Inspected*	*Condemned Carcases*	*Condemned Portions*	
			T.B.	*Other Causes*
Sheep	1728	148		
				26 Livers
				1 Lung
				1 Heart
				10 Hind Quarters
				6 Fore Quarters
Pigs	2156	4		
			63 Heads	14 Lungs
				42 Livers
				15 Hearts
				1 Hind Leg
Beasts (not cows)	493	1		
				16 Livers
				17 Part Livers
				2 Lungs
				1 Diaphragm
				6 Heads
				1 Spleen
				1 Kidney
				3 Hind Legs
Cows	56	2		
				9 Livers
				11 Part Livers
				1 Spleen
				1 Hind Leg
Calves	1037	6		
				1 Head
				1 Hind Leg
				1 Fore Leg

Cysticercus Bovis

3 Heifers — Heart affected.
5 Heifers — Head affected.
1 Heifer — Head and heart affected.
1 Heifer — Diaphragm affected.
1 Bullock — Heart affected.

1 Case of suspected swine fever reported to Ministry, with negative result.

Disposal of Carcases deposited on Foreshore

Animal carcases are still being deposited around the foreshore from time to time. Arrangements have to be made for disposal, usually by burial in lime on the foreshore.

Total Notices (Served as under)

Public Health Act	7
Housing Acts	Nil

Swimming Pools

The only Swimming Pool in the district is situated on the seashore and is privately owned. The pool is covered by every tide.

Offensive Trades

Byelaws are in operation for the control of Offensive Trades. There is one in the district—the Tannery at Swimbridge.

Underground Sleeping Rooms

There is no need for regulations in this area in respect of underground sleeping rooms.

Rodent Control

Regular monthly inspections of all refuse tips and sewage disposal sites has kept the infestation by rats well under control.

The annual test baiting of all sewer systems in the district was completed in the spring, followed by a second poison treatment in the autumn, on five systems which were affected. All systems were successfully cleared.

A total of 1,807 inspections of premises was carried out as follows:—

Farm premises	380
Private and Business	1,241
Complaints investigated	72
Requests for advice	114

120 premises were found to show above average infestation with rats and mice, but with the co-operation of all concerned, no formal action was necessary.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Food Hygiene Regulations. 278 inspections of food premises were made during the year. Some premises were found to be below the standard set out in the regulations but, with the co-operation of the persons concerned, the necessary improvements were made without having to resort to formal action.

Special attention was paid to premises catering for summer visitors.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

During visits to food shops and inspection of items of food for sale, certain items of tinned food have been condemned due to damage or rust and leakage.

WATER

The majority of villages and hamlets in the 36 parishes of the Rural District are on mains water supplied by the North Devon Water Board. The source of this supply is either from reservoir or river and in both cases is treated by sand filtration and chlorination.

During the year 131 samples were submitted by the Board and were all passed as satisfactory. The water supply is adequate both in quantity and quality.

There are 12 parishes within the area dependent on wells and springs for water supplies ; of these 12, extensions of mains water into six of them has already been approved and in some instances the work of laying the mains is already under way.

During 1960, 37 water samples were taken from wells and springs, and 27 of these were unsatisfactory. Where unsatisfactory reports are obtained and no alternative source is available, instructions are given to boil all drinking water.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 (Sections 110 and 111)

OUTWORK (Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work	*Section 110*		*Section 111*			
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Sec. 110 (1) (*c*)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of Instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing Apparel (Making, etc.)	41	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	41	—	—	—	—	—

FACTORIES ACT, 1957—PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspection made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	*Number on Register* (2)	*Number of*		
		Inspections (3)	*Written Notices* (4)	*Occupiers prosecuted* (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	7	4	NIL	NIL
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	46	41	NIL	NIL
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ...	5	4	NIL	NIL
Total	58	49	NIL	NIL

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars (1)	*Number of cases in which defects were found*				*Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted*
	Found (2)	*Remedied* (3)	*Referred* *To H.M. Inspector* (4)	*Referred* *By H.M. Inspector* (5)	(6)
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)					
Overcrowding (S.2)					
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ...					
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)					
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ...					
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(*a*) Insufficient					
(*b*) Unsuitable or defective ...					
(*c*) Not separate for sexes ...					
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).		1		1	

BUILDING SURVEYOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Red House,
Castle Street,
Barnstaple.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Barnstaple Rural District Council.

Mrs. Miles and Gentlemen,

I beg to present the following Report on the activities of the Building Surveyor's Department during the year 1960:—

PLANS

Details of Plans submitted

No. approved under Byelaws	101
No. disapproved under Byelaws	2
No. approved under Town Planning ...	518
No. disapproved under Town Planning ...	83
No. decision given under Town Planning ...	1
No. withdrawn after formal submission ...	5
No. of houses completed during the year:—	
(1) By Private Enterprise	131
(2) By Local Authority	6

I wish to record my thanks to the members of the Council and staff for their help and support during the past year.

I am,
Your obedient Servant,
A. J. DENNIS.